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SUBJ: US ARMS SALES POLICY

REF: (A) STATE 115409, (B) STATE 115244, (C) STATE 115393 (NOTAL)

1. NEW ARMS SALES POLICY WAS RAISED BRIEFLY BE ASST SECY-DESIGNATE VEST WITH FONMIN MINIC (DURING VICE PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO BELGRADE) AND AT LENGTH BY CHARGE WITH FSFA ASSISTANT SECRETARY BERNARDIC MAY 24. CHARGE GAVE BERNARDIC COPY OF PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT (REF A), WHICH HE REVIEWED FOR BERNARDIC USING GUIDANCE PROVIDED REFS B AND C. CHARGE STRESSED PRESIDENT'S CONVICTION ON NEED FOR RESTRAINT IN WORLDWIDE ARMS SALES AND THAT US WAS INVITING, INDEED ENCOURAGING OTHER SUPPLIERS AND RECIPIENTS TO SUPPORT NEW POLICY.

2. BERNARDIC LISTENED ATTENTIVELY. AT CONCLUSION OF CHARGE'S PRESENTATION BERNARDIC PROMISED TO READH ANNOUNCEMENT CAREFULLY AND STATED THAT GOY WILL GIVE IT FULL ATTENTION. HE TERMED SUBJECT AN IMPORTANT MATTER AND CONFIDENTIAL

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SAID THAT YUGOSLAVIA HAS FOR LONG "BEEN FIGHTING AGAINST ARMAMENT AND ARMS RACES." BERNARDIC SAID A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS COME TO MIND IMMEDIATELY: HOW TO DEAL WITH PROBLEM -- WITH FEW NATIONS OR THROUGH UN;? WHAT FOLLOWUP EXPECTED -- INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OR BILATERAL OR REGIONALI DISCUSSIONS. WHAT CONCRETE STEPS SHOULD FOLLOW ENENCIATION OF POLICY?

3. BERNARDIC REMARKED THAT ANNOUNCEMENT IS A DOCUMENT WHICH SHOULD BE DISCUSSED AT UNSSOD. HE CONCLUDED THAT AFTER GOY STUDY, DISCUSSION ON SUBJECT WILL BE CONTINUED EITHER WITH HIM OR ON TECHNICAL LEVEL. YORK

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